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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Everyone in the Bay area who is interested in conservation must have felt a real sadness at the death of Congressman Clem Miller. Although he was not alone in working to get the Point Reyes Seashore into the National Park System, to him, probably more than any one person, we owe the greatest debt of gratitude. It's right that he should be buried where all who visit the park will be reminded of him and his mission fulfilled.

As you know by now, the Golden Gate and Marin Audubon Societies made the \$90,000 down payment on Audubon Canyon Ranch. It was nip and tuck during the last week before the deadline, but the response was so wonderful that we actually had money to spare—money that gives us a start on the balance.

The Golden Gate Audubon Society joined the Audubon Canyon Ranch project at the invitation of the Marin Audubon Society, whose vision and determination served as our inspiration. Having been inspired, however, our membership has acted as the full partner we are. Title to the ranch is now under the control of our two societies. Marin will carry out the purchase agreement for 375 acres. Golden Gate will lease and within ten years be deeded the other 132 acres of the ranch. Eventually, all of the land will be turned over to Audubon Canyon Ranch, Inc., which is the joint corporation of our two societies.

We've cleared the highest hurdle of \$90,000. We must now set our sights on the annual payment of \$24,750 for the next ten years. To those members who have helped so much, many thanks. To those who have so far been unable to spare a minute or a dollar to this hard effort, one more reminder. It's the percentage, not the amount, that shows we're united in saving Audubon Canyon Ranch.

AILEEN PIERSON, *President*

POINT REYES PENINSULA FIELD TRIP—October 20. Thanks to the keen eyes of members of the group, several interesting birds were seen on this trip. At the RCA Communications Station a *Tropical Kingbird*, located on a scouting trip several days before, was very accommodating and allowed itself to be observed at close range by all present. Meanwhile, *Barn Owls* were flying overhead and *Golden and Ruby-crowned Kinglets* and *Hutton's Vireos* could be seen in the long row of trees leading to the Station headquarters. At McClure's Ranch, a pair of *Harlequin Ducks* paddling about and diving in the heavy surf close to the rocky shore, gave everyone a close view of themselves. Seven or eight *Common Scoters* were seen in the breakers along

the beach. Passing through a rocky defile the group came upon at least twelve *Black Oystercatchers* with one or two *Black Turnstones*—a reversal of the usual situation. —*Alice Williams, Co-leader and Historian.*

**OBSERVATION**—On November 13 and 14, a *White-throated Sparrow* came to our feeder in the Oakland hills. Last year the Oakland Christmas count listed two of them.—*Vi Homem.*

**CONTRIBUTION TO CONDOR FUND**—Our treasurer, Miss Erline Hevel, has received a letter of thanks for our Society's contribution of \$200 to the Condor Fund, from Carl W. Buchheister, President, National Audubon Society.

## SUMMARY—22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

*Auspices, California Conservation Council, October 25-27, 1962.*

This three day Conservation Conference on the magnificent Fresno State College campus brought together local conservation leaders, organization spokesmen and a variety of governmental agency representatives of many levels. William Warne of the State Natural Resources Agency, Charles DeTurk of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and Henry Caufield of the U. S. Department of the Interior were headliners among the State and federal spokesmen; while such busy persons as David Brower of the Sierra Club, Dr. Herbert Gwinn of the State Department of Education, Assistant Superintendent, Granville Liles, and Chief Naturalist, Doug Hubbard of Yosemite, William Penn Mott, Jr., of East Bay Regional Parks and our own Dr. Erie Reynolds found time to attend and address the assemblage. Mel Scott and Dan Luten came from the University at Berkeley to speak for *Saving Open Spaces*. Your Conservation chairman and your Education Chairman, Mrs. Janet Nickelsburg, were privileged to attend the entire conference.

It was a refreshing surprise to have presented to the conference two prominent Boy Scouts, the Enright brothers from San Jose, who have made state and national marks in conservation work. They with Mrs. Nickelsburg were summoned to broadcast from a Fresno radio station. Otherwise youth and youth leadership participation left much to be desired, even from local students and faculty. This situation seemed to substantiate the conclusion of several speakers: that California schools—with a few exceptions—have failed to embrace and to vigorously push Conservation teaching as a *must*.

The various panel and chart exhibits were both informative and delightful to study. Another big treat was the showing of the film, *Audubon Canyon Ranch* by Laurel Reynolds and Mindy Willis.

—PAUL COVEL, *Conservation Chairman*

**NOTE**—Local Audubon members who spend considerable time birding around San Francisco South Bay have been asked by the Department of Fish & Game to report during the coming year on numbers and species of waterfowl and shorebirds. Single, mimeographed blue sheets containing report columns and a numbered grid map to indicate the exact areas of reports may be picked up at the National Audubon Conservation Center, 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, or at the Region Three Office of Fish & Game, Room 3000, Ferry Building, San Francisco 11. These contributions from afield may help to save some of our marsh and tideland areas by furnishing specific facts and figures on the importance of these areas to waterfowl and other natural resources.

## EAST BAY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The yearly East Bay Christmas Bird Count will be held on Sunday December 30. The count will start at 8:00 a. m., or earlier for owling. If anyone is interested in helping to take the count, please, contact one of the group leaders. If anyone has interesting birds at his feeder on the count day, please, call Compiler Phil or Ruth Smith, LO 9-9451.

Mrs. P. M. Watt has offered her home for a buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m., the same night, December 30. Please, call her two days ahead—by December 28—to let her know if you will be there and bring some food. Her phone number is KE 4-6828. Mrs. Watt lives at 5927 Chelton Drive, Oakland. To reach her house get off the Warren

Freeway at Park Blvd., turn to the right on the old Mountain Blvd. to Ascot Drive, then turn left and proceed to Chelton Drive. Continue on Chelton Drive to Girvin Drive on the left. Mrs. Watt's house is the second house on the left (downhill side).

#### Group Leaders:

Bay Farm Island. Volunteer needed.

Alameda, Marshall Jencks, KE 4-9353.

Airport, Howard Cogswell, NE 6-1573.

Shoreline from Bay Bridge to Point Isabel. Volunteer needed.

Sea Scouts, *Marlin Boat*, Dave Nichols, TH 3-5141, & R. A. Walton, LA 6-3296.

Sunset View Cemetery, Albany Parks & Hills, Volunteer needed.

Tilden Park, San Pablo Reservoir, Larry Curl, LA 6-7004.

Strawberry Canyon, Hills near tunnel & Redwood Park. Volunteer needed.

University of California, Garfield Jr. High, Live Oak Park, Art Wang, LA 4-7399.

Orinda. Volunteer needed.

Lafayette & St. Mary's College, Lynn Farrar, 283-3938.

Lake Temescal & Claremont, Arthur Meyers, TH 5-3080.

Lake Merritt & Oakland Estuary, Paul Covel, KE 6-4120.

Devil's Punch Bowl, Joaquin Miller Park, Harold Peterson, LO 8-7524.

Grass Valley Park, Redwood Canyon & San Leandro Reservoir, Lee Stallcup, LO 9-3185.

Rare Birds, Rich Stallcup, LO 9-3185.

—Compiler, Loris P. Smith, 2560 61st Ave., Oakland, LO 9-9451.

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to our Society: from Berkeley, Miss Marjorie M. Atkinson, Mr. Barrett N. Coates, Mr. & Mrs. Howard J. Browne, Miss Elizabeth Buckingham, Mr. R. Burton Calson, Mr. Robert W. Cruden, Miss Ethel Fletcher, Mrs. Frank D. Norris, Mr. Harry H. Ross, Mr. Glen Strouse; from Oakland, Mr. Cecil Cox; from San Francisco, Miss Carolyn Halde, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene La Fazio; from Walnut Creek, Mr. Clyde Harden.

—VALERIA G. DaCOSTA, *Membership Chairman*

### DECEMBER MEETING

The 534th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on Thursday, December 13th, at 7:30 p. m., in the Rotary Natural Science Center, Lakeside Park, Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Linford have travelled extensively taking many pictures in different parts of the world. They will show two films, *Panama from Colombia to Costa Rica* and a short reel, *Birds of Thailand*.

Following the Linford's program, the *Audubon Canyon Ranch* film photographed by Laurel Reynolds and Mindy Willis, will be shown to the Society for the first time in Oakland. Those who saw it at the November meeting in San Francisco will be eager for a repeat performance.

Dinner at 6:00 p. m., as usual, at Tom Lovely's Buffet, 336 Grand Ave. and Perkins. Do come and join the party.

—MYRA BROWNE, *Program Chairman*.

### FIELD TRIPS FOR DECEMBER

On Sunday, December 9, to San Andreas and Crystal Springs Reservoirs. The reservoir has two large lakes and includes a variety of habitats, such as, dense oak-laurel-madrone forest with some Douglas fir, broken woodland, chaparral and grassland. Here we might see Ring-necked Ducks, Redhead, Green-winged Teal, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser, Osprey and Bald Eagle. Land birds will include warblers, kinglets, sparrows and possibly a Saw-whet Owl. By special arrangement with the San Francisco Water Department, we can drive into the main reservoir grounds. Meet at 8:30 a. m., at Camino Real and Millbrae Avenue, in Millbrae or at Skyline Blvd. and Millbrae Avenue, at 8:45 a. m. We will follow Millbrae Avenue into the reservoir area. Bring binoculars, telescope, a lunch and interested friends. Leader, Carlyle Sather, PLaza 6-0581.

On Tuesday, December 11, Golden Gate Park. This trip will start at 8:30 a. m., from the Aquarium in Golden Gate Park, which can be reached by taking the No. 10 Municipal Bus. Such interesting species as Hermit and Varied Thrush, Myrtle, Audubon and Townsend Warbler may be seen. Leader, Mrs. Robert Fry, SEabright 1-2874.

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